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REMARKS

Declaration

The Notice indicates that an oath or declaration of the inventors is missing. Applicants attach as **Exhibit 2** a Declaration and Power of Attorney (6 pages) for the subject application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 and MPEP §602, Identification of Application.

Certified Copy of Priority Document

Applicants attach as **Exhibit 3** a certified copy of German Patent Application No. 103 09 705.8, filed March 6, 2003, which is the priority document for the subject application.

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CONCLUSIONS

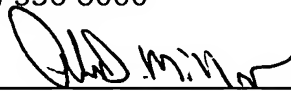
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